

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)  
U.S. Application No. 10/090,643  
Attorney Docket No. Q68481

REMARKS

First, Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing this case with Applicants' representatives on May 12, 2006. A Statement of Substance of Interview is enclosed.

Claims 1-23 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 13-16 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Gupta et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,738,081). Claims 8, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gupta in view of Wambach et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,097,369). Finally, claims 11, 12 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gupta in view of IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, "Dynamic Time-Dependent User Interface Modification", January 1994 ("IBM").

With respect to claims 1-22, Applicants submit that these claims are patentable at least based on the reasons set forth in the Response dated April 24, 2006.

With respect to claim 23, Applicants submit that the applied references do not disclose or suggest at least, "wherein said axis, said fixed member, and said moving member constitute the same device," as recited in amended claim 23. During the interview, the Examiner alleged that the knuckle of a user corresponds to the claimed axis by which a fixed member and a moving member are connected. However, nowhere do the applied references disclose or suggest at least that the claimed axis, fixed member, and moving member constitute the same device.

At least based on the foregoing, as well as previously submitted arguments, Applicants submit that all of claims are patentably distinguishable over the applied references.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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